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1. WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATIFIED BY JONAH'S ORDER TO
EXCLUDE KNOWN UNARMED PALESTINIANS AND HIS MEASURES
(UNSPECIFIED IN JERUSALEM 1746) TO CONTROL MORE TIGHTLY
SUPPLY OF NON-MILITARY ITEMS TO ARMED PALESTINIANS BEHIND
UNIFIL LINES. WE ARE AWAITING INFORMATION ON JONAH/
ARAFAT MEETING AS WELL AS AMBASSADOR LEWIS' SUM-UP OF
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HIS MEETING WITH WEIZMAN. IN THE MEANTIME, AND AT THE
EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY, YOU SHOULD APPROACH GUYER (OR
APPROPRIATE SUBORDINATE) TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY JONAH'S ORDER TO EXCLUDE KNOWN
UNARMED PALESTINIANS (THOUGH WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN
HEARING DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF VERIFICATION PROCEDURES)

FROM CROSSING UNIFIL LINES.

-- WE ARE ALSO GRATIFIED TO HEAR THAT MEASURES ARE BEING
TAKEN TO TIGHTEN UP CONTROL OF NON-MILITARY SUPPLIES TO

ARMED PALESTINIANS BEHIND UNIFIL LINES. ARE THESE
PALESTINIANS RELIEVED BY OTHERS FROM TIME TO TIME?

-- WE ARE CONTINUING TO PRESSURE ISRAELIS TO INFLUENCE
MILITIAS TO COOPERATE WITH UNIFIL. UP TO NOW, ALLEGATIONS
REACHING ISRAELIS AND CHRISTIANS OF LARGE NUMBERS OF
PALESTINIANS BEHIND UNIFIL LINES, WHETHER TRUE OR NOT,
HAVE SERVED TO DECREASE LIKELIHOOD OF MILITIA COOPERATION
WITH UNIFIL. WE HOPE THAT NEWS OF JONAH'S ORDER
REACHING CHRISTIANS WILL SPEED UP PROCESS OF UNIFIL/
CHRISTIAN COOPERATION.

-- TO BE CREDIBLE TO CHRISTIANS AND ISRAELIS, UNIFIL
SHOULD GIVE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO RAPID AND THOROUGH
IMPLEMENTATION OF JONAH'S EXCLUSION ORDER. ANY RUMORS
OF SLIPSHOD PROCEDURES OR MASSIVE CLANDESTINE INFIL-
TRATIONS WILL DILUTE CREDIBILITY OF UNIFIL.

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